

Michael O. Leavitt Governor Ted Stewart **Executive Director** James W. Carter

## DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

355 West North Temple 3 Triad Center, Suite 350 Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203 801-538-5340 801-359-3940 (Fax) 801-538-5319 (TDD) Division Director

March 1, 1995

5/((//0(8)

TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Tom Munson, Reclamation Hydrologist 7

RE:

Site Inspection, Star Mountain Gold, Vicksburg/Kopeck/Gold-King Mines,

S/001/008, Beaver County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

February 23, 1995

Time of Inspection:

3:20 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Warm and Sunny

Conditions: Participants:

Gina Pack - BLM; Wayne Hedberg, Tom Munson - DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Determine status of the supplemental mining activity associated with this

permit.

There was no obvious signs of activity associated with this proposed small mining gold vat leaching operation. The Division has approved of this permit, but to our knowledge the Division of Water Quality has not. During our inspection of the gold mining operation, Wayne Hedberg, Gina Pack - BLM, and I inspected a small "wonderstone" (?) quarry located in an adjacent (gated) canyon west of the gold mine site. We noted some recent road building and minor quarrying activity that has taken place. We believe this operation is located in the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 29, T28S, R11W, and have attempted to locate it on the original small mine application map. The recent annual report for the VKGK Mine, received on January 24, 1994, mentions precious metals, base metals, marble, serpentine, and wonderstone as the minerals mined. After trying to correlate where these disturbances were located on the map submitted with the original permit, it was determined that a more accurate and descriptive map is essential to help determine the status of current disturbances.

The Division will need to send Mr. Cecil H. Muir (or his son Byron) a copy of a topographic map, outlining the location of his activities as shown on the original small mine permit application map. We would ask Mr. Muir to add the following pertinent items to update his permit on a larger scale map.

- Locations of newly constructed roads; 1)
- Locations of new disturbances (pits, trenches, pads, excavations of any sort); 2)
- Exact locations of where precious metals, base metals, marble, serpentine, and 3) wonderstone are found, labeling where each of these minerals and their associated disturbance is found:



Page 2 Site Inspection S/001/008 March 1, 1995

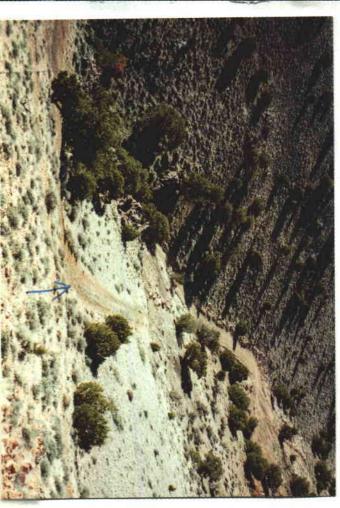
4) Location of redisturbance of previously impacted areas (upgrading/expansion of existing roads, redisturbance of old waste piles, etc.).

## Recommendation

It is essential that Mr. Muir update his map to show the location and extent of disturbance associated with each mineral mined. Mr Muir must delineate, on a blown-up version of the Quadrangle map which the Division will supply, the exact location of disturbances as described in the four categories above.

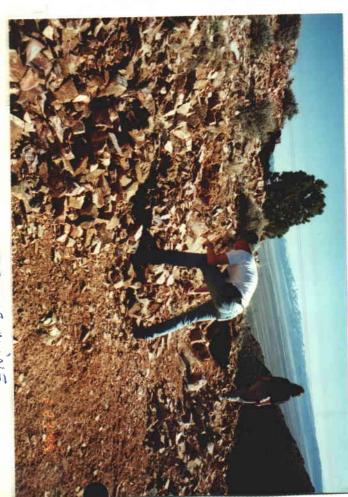
jb
cc: Gina Pack, BLM, Beaver River RA
Wayne Hedberg, DOGM
Attachments - two maps
S001008.mem

SIAR MIN GOLD CECIL MUIR

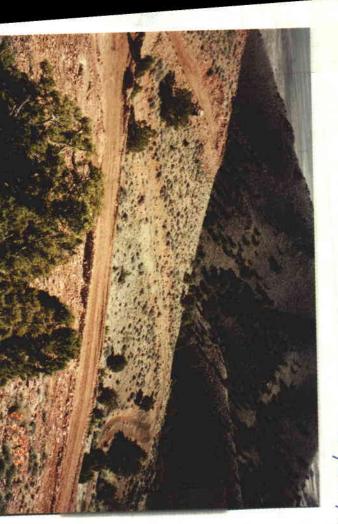


8001/008

6LO ROAD



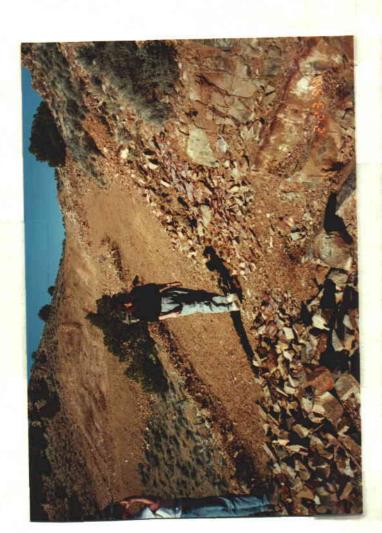
MONDER STONE MINE

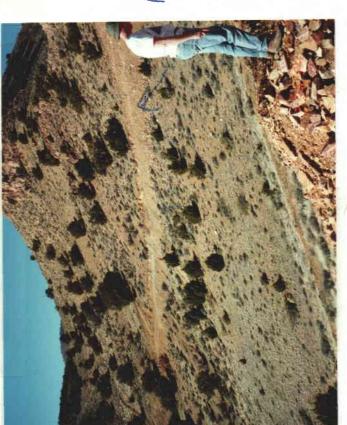


NEW ROAD CONST 000 BACK GROUND



RIDGE 700





ACEA OF RALIZATION ROCK MINDERSTONE

Sportaos CEER MVIR STAR MTN. 600

NEW ROAD